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As a maker of entertainment IP that runs on computer systems, I depend on having full freedom to innovate both in terms of content, and technology. I am extremely concerned over the potential threat to the competitiveness of my own products, and the platforms they run on, in the global market, that an adoption of the proposed "broadcast flag" would represent. We must retain our freedom to innovate and grow the American economy.

The software entertainment industry is highly successful, highly profitable and an area where America produces world class content. We have thrived despite the ease with which our product can be copied by pirates, due to our ability to innovate and create new content that consumers desire. It seems to be a poor idea to cripple the technological base we rely upon simply because a different part of the entertainment industry is scared of potential losses that we have proven repeatedly are insignificant compared to the profits that can be made on unfettered hardware.

Please do not approve the crippling of the technological base upon which our industry functions.

Sincerely,

Cormac Russell
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Milpitas, CA 95035
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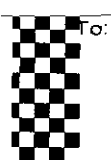
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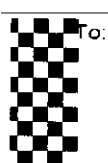
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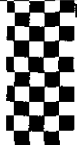
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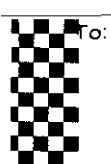
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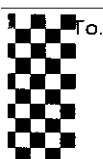
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If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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The idea of protecting the broadcast industry from a threat that has yet to materialize is ludicrous and personally insulting. The broadcast networks are scrambling to prop up a failing business model (free programming supported by advertisers). This model has failed on the web, and seems doomed to fail here as well. As a consumer, if I could pay a reasonable fee to tailor the channels I want to receive and had the ability to turn channels on or off at will (or as a particular program I wanted to see came on), I would be happy to pay for that service. I already have no problem paying for HBO. Their model is excellent. They produce quality programming, I pay for their service. That is not playing the odds like NBC, ABC, CBS and their ilk - that is common sense.

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